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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Man murdered with an axe at his home at Max Meadows, Va. ——Train wreck on the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad near Kinston; one man killed. —— Maj. W. H. Garland, aged 94 years, died at the soldiers' home, Johnson City, Tenn. —— Safe of a manufacturing concern at Newry, S. C., robbed of $2,500 by burglars. —— More rioting has occurred at Mok-Pho, Corea. —— English cotton spinners propose a mass meeting to consider the situation. —— Cashier of the Yale national bank at New Haven, Conn., committed suicide; he had embezzled funds of the bank. —— Democrats won a victory in the municipal election in Boston, Mass. —— Until the Senate ratifies the new Panama treaty the administration will look to the marines to protect the isthmus. —— Fourteen-year old boy shot and killed near Atlanta by a companion while guuning. —— The Democratic senators in caucus passed a resolution that caucus action of the party hereafter should be binding. —— The Cuban debate was continued in the Senate yesterday; Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, spoke in behalf of the measure. —— The rural free delivery system and other matters were discussed in the House yesterday. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 5@6 per cent; cotton steady at 12.45c; flour was quiet and steady; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 80½; corn—spot steady, No. 2 53c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 41½; rosin st ady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture,
Weather Bureau,
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 37 degrees; 8 P. M., 40 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.09.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer Thursday in western portion; fresh to northwest winds.

Port Almanac---December 16.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport.	6.25 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	8.55 P. M.

Senator Hanna believes in sawing Wood. Judging from the testimony of several witnesses before the Committee on Military affairs they saw Wood when he was carrying a high hand in Cuba.

We are hoping now and will ever have hope till the vote is counted next November, that there are no "ripened recompenses" that the American people will see fit to award Broncho B. Roosevelt in the coming campaign.

Owing to a shortness of supplies the Mad Mullah's army has been killing and eating the prisoners they capture. When they are short on prisoners they dress up a few women and roast them according to the latest fashion. They are not served on fashion plates, however.

An election has been called in the republic of Panama for the purpose of choosing delegates to a constitutional convention. The convention will adopt a constitution and will probably ratify the Hay-Barilla treaty. It is said that all the new municipalities in Panama have warmly applauded the Junta's ratification of the treaty.

It was a bad idea to give that Colombian colonel $8,000 in gold to take his troops away so the Panama secession couldn't fall down on them. Other officers with a hand ful of men are liable to come over on the canal zone under the belief that there is more gold where that came from.

The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was in Rome on Saturday and called on Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of State, who, as a special courtesy, arranged an audience with the Pope. Mr. Bryan had a cordial reception by the Pope and left Sunday night for St. Petersburg. Mr. Bryan doubtless appreciated the fine silver service at the Vatican.

Miss Blanch Boise, a Kansas girl, is to be a jail bird. On Saturday at Topeka, the Supreme Court upheld the sentence imposed by the Shawnee county district court, committing her to 30 days in jail for smashing the plate glass fronts of seven Topeka booze studios. She is a disciple of Carrie Nation, and probably is one of the Boise that fear no noise.

While in Rome a few days ago, William J. Bryan took in the interesting sights of that ancient city, including the Coliseum and the Roman Forum. He took particular interest in the spot from which Cicero thundered his invectives and hurled reproach at Cataline. While communing with the spirit of Cicero, Mr. Bryan doubtless could not help thinking that the spirit of Cataline had descended upon many men in his own republic.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Cotton receipts yesterday were 2,384 bales against 2,633 same day last year.

— British steamer "Gadsby," hence from Bremen, arrived at Isle of Wight Monday.

— A party from the U. S. Engineers' office will go down on the government steamer "Mercur" this morning to survey the Cape Fear bar.

— The schooner "Jno. Russell," New York to Beaufort, which put in here Monday, leaking, is consigned to C. D. Mafflit and will go on the marine railway at Skinner's to-day.

— Property owners on Market street are advocating a removal of the plaza on that thoroughfare between Front and Second streets, and paving the vacancy with Belgian blocks.

— Announcement was made yesterday of the marriage of Mr. Grover C. Bordeaux, son of Mrs. Lizzie Bordeaux, of Charlotte, and Miss Julia T. Hand, daughter of Mrs. Laura E. Hand, of Wilmington.

— St. James' vestry met last night and elected Capt. T. D. Meares, senior warden, and Mr. J. V. Grainger, junior warden. The vestry of St. John's Episcopal parish was elected last night and will organize later.

— Owing to the expected rush of express shipments during the holidays an extra service has been put on trains 50 and 51, between Wilmington and Florence. Heretofore express has not been handled on those trains between the points named.

— The British barquentine "Hillside," which came into port in distress, reported to Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Sons, and is still receiving estimates on cost of temporary repair, subject to orders from the owners in Nova Scotia.

— Judge Ferguson, who will hold the next term of court here in January, is now presiding over the Superior Court in Wilson and yesterday reduced the bail of the four men charged with complicity in the murder of an insurance agent there from $5,000 to $3,000.

— The Christmas shopping public is asked not to forget that the annual sale of dolls and fancy goods by St. Agnes' Guild of St. James' parish will begin this morning at 11:30 o'clock in the store lately occupied by R. C. DeRosset, 107 Market street.

— Ammie Carter, colored, was arrested by Constable Savage yesterday at Hilton mill and placed in jail to await trial before Justice Fowler at noon to-day upon a charge of seduction preferred by Mary Larkins, 1012 North Fifth street.

— The Poultry Show continued to draw the crowds yesterday and all were well pleased with the exhibits. The judging will be completed to-day and in the lingo of the fakir, "Now's the last chance to pay a visit to the chicken fair." Doors open at 10 A. M. and close at 10 P. M.

— In another column of to-day's paper, Chairman P. Q. Moore, of the Fire Committee, advertises for bids on 1,000 feet of hose for the Fire Department and the service of a fire tug according to contract in the hands of the City Clerk and Treasurer. For particulars see official advertisements elsewhere in to-day's paper.

CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY.

Christmas Vacation Begins To-day Week. Appropriate Exercises Friday.

The public schools of the city will close for the holidays on Wednesday before Christmas and will not reopen for the Spring term until the Monday following New Year's, Jan. 3rd. On Friday of this week "North Carolina Day" will be observed in the schools and much of the remainder of the present term will be devoted to examitions. The schools have enjoyed a highly successful Fall term and the prospect is for still greater achievments after the holidays until the commencement period.

Hadn't Seen Her in Six Months.

Jake Green, colored, when arraigned upon a charge of abandonment in Justice Fowler's court yesterday, admitted that he hadn't seen his wife, Anna Green, in six months and said he thought she was able to take care of herself. The law touching abandonment as interpreted by Justice Fowler, didn't support Green's conception of marital obligations, so he went back to jail for the higher court in default of $100 bond.

Will Present Portrait.

Prof. E. C. Herring, formerly principal of Greenville Sound public school but now a promising law student at the University, has written to County Superintendent Catlett signifying his purpose to present to his former students a handsome portrait of the lamented Senator Vance. The picture will be enclosed in a hand some frame and hung in the school room.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

City—Sealed proposals.
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A. D. Brown—Xmas suggestions.
S. W. Sanders—Live turkeys wanted.
M. H. Curran—Suit for the holidays.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Fruits, candies.
Academy of Music—"Little Minister."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

House and Lot—For sale.
Young Man—Position wanted.
C. R., L. & P. Co.—Drop light.
J. B. Farrar—Machines repaired.
E. Warren & Son—Florida oranges.

THE FERRY QUESTION

Should the Commissioners Adopt Joint Committee's Plan for Blossom Purchase?

MUCH DISCUSSED YESTERDAY

Something of the Powers Held in the Franchise — The Building of the Bridge Deemed Impracticable. Board of Magistrates.

The joint purchase of the Blossom ferry at Castle Haynes by the counties of New Hanover and Pender at a cost of $6,250 and the establishment of free ferriage over Northeast river at that point, was very generally discussed on the streets yesterday, the announcement that the committees would recommend that action to their respective boards subject to an examination of franchise title, etc. by competent attorneys, having been made in the morning papers. It was stated yesterday that the matter need not necessarily be referred to the Board of Magistrates, the latter body having only in its province the recommendation of a sale instead of a purchase of county property, though the officials here saw no objection to the matter's taking that course, if it was deemed advisable to have the magistrates pass upon the question. In fact, the lifting of the burden of responsibility by that course appeared rather inviting to the commissioners.

"Is the price of $6,250 for the ferry and franchise excessive and what constitutes the franchise and what is the property included?" "Would it not be cheaper to build a bridge or a new ferry out and out?" Those were a few of the questions asked on the streets yesterday in connection with the purchase, all of which were duly investigated and considered by the joint committee before mking its recommendation. The powers of the franchise, subject to confirmation from a legal standpoint, were found by the committee to be these: Mr. Blossom has the exclusive privilege to operate a ferry over the river for three miles each way. No one else would be permitted, according to his charter, to build a bridge or construct a ferry within three miles of the present one. The property includes a cable and all necessary flats for transporting vehicles, etc., across the river and according to plans of present purchase, would include two acres of land in New Hanover and one in Pender county. The committee also found that, based on present revenue of the owner, the ferry now yields a 6 per cent. interest upon a hypothetical investment of about $9,000, whereas it can be purchased for $6,250 and maintained at a cost of about $350 per year to each county. It is stated further that it would cost the counties more than $6,250 to build roads to a new ferry the three miles necessary to go outside the limits covered by Mr. Blossom's charter, to say nothing of the cost it would entail upon the travelling public in going the additional distance.

A careful estimate from an undoubted authority as to the cost of an iron bridge over the stream, with necessary abutments, piers, etc., is $35,990.

RAN INTO CITY ENGINEER.

Negro Fined by Mayor for Reckless Driving—Municipal Court Yesterday.

In the mayor's court yesterday Ben Davis, colored, was charged with reckless driving. Monday afternoon City Engineer Adams had one of his instruments set up on Market street and was sighting through the lense to get the grade for the paving. While the engineer was oblivious to his immediate surroundings and had his mind concentrated on the imaginary line through the instrument, along came the negro in a buggy, running into the surveyor's outfit and throwing the instrument to the ground. The negro explained yesterday that his action was entirely unintentional and he was let off with the costs.

The other cases disposed of yesterday were Willy Mazingo, drunkenness; fined $10 and costs, and Ever McIver, colored, disorderly conduct, $4 and costs.

CAPE FEAR GOLF CLUB.

Annual Election of Officers Last Night at The Orton.

The annual meeting of the Cape Fear Golf Club was held last night in the parlors of The Orton. After the transaction of routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—A. S. Williams.
Vice President—Donald MacRae.
Secretary—Geo. W. Brunson, Jr.
Treasurer—Frank L. Huggins.
Captain of Green—J. J. Blair.
Governing Board—A. S. Williams, Donald MacRae, Geo. W. Brunson, Jr., F. L. Huggins, J. J. Blair, R. H. Gwaltney and R. D. W. Connor.

Audit and Finance Board

The Board of Audit and Finance transacted only routine business at its regular meeting last night. All members were present except Mr. C. W. Yates. The usual bills for current expenses were audited and approved. Ten interest coupons amounting to $250, which had been paid, were burned by the Board. Bonds of J. A. Springer & Co., and the Independent Ice Co., contractors for furnishing the city with coal and ice respectively, were approved in the sum of $500 each. The paving and heating plant bonds didn't come up for consideration.

WILMINGTON POSTOFFICE.

Conference of Leaders in Washington Monday—Compromise Suggested in Favor of Mrs. D. L. Russell.

The North Carolina papers regularly represented by corresepondents at the National capital printed an interesting story from Washington yesterday in which it was stated that ex-Governor Russell, ex-Senator Marion Butler and ex-Judge Robinson had been in close conference there over the Wilmington postmastership and that it is not unlikely that Mrs. D. L. Russell, wife of the ex-governor, will land the office as a compromise in the fight between friends of the present incumbent and Assistant Postmaster T. E. Wallace, both of whom are aspirants for the place. State Republican Chairman Rollins is said to have pointed to that way out of the difficulty. Chairman Rollins found it impossible to leave Asheville at present, but he telegraphed the conference that Mrs. Russell would not permit the consideration of her name save at the request of Miss Darby and it is said that Gov. Russell assented to that explanation of the situation. Miss Darby, it is said, is being strenuously opposed on the ground that neither she nor any of her relatives have ever evinced Republican proclivitie.

The suggestion has been made that friends of Mrs. Russell might have trouble in establishing the fact of her residence in Wilmington, as the Russell home is two miles from the city limits, and departmental regulations are rigid in this respect. On the other hand it is stated that Mrs. Russell is necessarily a patron of the office, as there is no branch office in the vicinity. The contest will in all probability be disposed of during the first week in January.

Friends of Mr. T. E. Wallace at the capitol say they know nothing of the suggested compromise in favor of Mrs. Russell.

BE CONSIDERATE OF EXPRESSMEN.

Their Labors are Arduous During the Holidays—Open Branch Office.

In order to expedite the delivery of Christmas packages the Southern Express Company will open its branch office on Princess street, in the rooms formerly occupied by the Postal Telegraph Co., at noon on Saturday. Only inward business will be handled there and the packages distributed from that point. Shipments from Wilmington will go through the Chesnut street main office as usual. Capt. Jno. R. Williams, the genial agent of the company in Wilmington, advises against putting off until the last minute what can be done now in the way of making Christmas shipments. He also begs the public to be considerate of the overworked Express people during the holidays; to mark their packages plainly; tie their packages securely and not delegate those things to the expressman. He has no time to attend to such matters and personal attention guarantees safe delivery.

THE DEMENTED REESE WOMAN.

Commission of Lunacy Will Inquire into Her Sanity To-day.

Justice Fowler deemed it inexpedient yesterday to again attempt to try Mrs. Mary Reese, who created a scene in his court when she was arraigned on a charge of forcible trespass and assault Monday afternoon. The woman is evidently demented, and yesterday at the residence of her husband a commission of lunacy was ordered by the clerk of the Superior Court to inquire into her case at 3 o'clock this afternoon. She continues to pray loudly and incessantly and nothing seems to quiet her except sheer exhaustion and the natural desire for sleep. The stove the woman removed in Blount's alley, constituting the forcible trespass, was hot at the time and dinner was being prepared for the family. How she removed it to the sidewalk is a mystery to the authorities. The husband has had trouble with her before.

TOO MUCH NOTORIETY.

Will Examine Negro Crazy on Subject of People Talking About Him.

Joe Hill, the young negro driven to distraction because of his imagination that people are talking about him, was turned over to the county authorities by the police yesterday and the Clerk of the Superior Court will examine into his sanity to-day.

The negro's affliction is peculiar and it appears that Chief of Police Furlong and Dr. Thomas are not the only ones who have been annoyed by his appeals for relief from his traducers. Some time ago Maj. Wm. F. Robertson received through the mail a letter addressed simply "415 Princess street, City." In it the negro avers that all the talk is by white people and that he is a "good, hard-working boy;" that they accuse him of drinking whiskey and it will cause trouble in the city if it doesn't stop."

W. L. I. Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry took place Monday night as follows: President, Jno. B. Peschau; Vice President, Thos. R. Orrell; Secretary and Treasurer, R. N. Nash; Finance and Armory Committee, Capt. A. P. Adrian, Messrs. Louis E. Hall and George Davis.

There will be services at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison Bank building, at 8 o'clock this evening.

STOP EVIL PRACTICE.

Chamber of Commerce Condemns and Will Remedy Adulteration of Spirits.

THE MEETING YESTERDAY.

Committee Appointed to Formulate System of Rigid Inspection and Put Same into Effect Early as Possible—Law on Subject.

The adulteration of spirits of turpentine received in Wilmington and the prescription of a remedy therefor, subjects which of late have been very generally discussed in the public prints, were matters which engaged the attention of a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, a call for the meeting having been promulgated and signed by prominent naval store dealers at the port as follows: Messrs. Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated, Paterson Downing & Co., D. McEachern, S. P. McNair and McNair & Pearsall. After some discussion in which unanimous emphasis was laid upon the fact that steps should be taken to eliminate the cause for complaint which recently emanated from New York to the detriment of the trade here, a committee was appointed to formulate a plan for a rigid inspection of all spirits received, by a competent man and to devise any other means to put a stop to the adulteration that may be deemed advisable.

The meeting was called to order by President J. A. Taylor and the following representing very largely the naval store interests of the port, were in attendance: Messrs. H. C. McQueen, of Murchison & Co.; H. K. Nash, of Paterson, Downing & Co.; Matt J. Heyer, of the S. P. Shotter Co.; B. F. Hall, of Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated; W. L. Smith, of McNair & Pearsall; C. H. Robinson, of Robinson & King; Jesse Wilder, of the Geo. L. Morton Co.; C. W. Worth, of The Worth Company; D. McEachern, of The D. McEachern Co.; S. P. McNair; Capt. John T. Rankin; T. D. Love; G. J. Boney; W. R. Barksdale, of the Standard Oil Co.; Geo. R. French and Capt. W. P. Oldham. Secretary James Kyle read the call for the meeting and President Taylor asked Mr. Nash to state the object of the meeting which he did very concisely, later introducing the following resolution:

MR. NASH'S REMEDY.

"Recognizing the fact that some of the manufacturers of spirits turpentine have been using kerosene oil as an adulterant and feeling that some action should be taken by this Chamber to stop said practice, be it,

"*Resolved*, That each receiver of spirits turpentine on this market agree that he will have each barrel coming to him carefully examined, and if he finds, in his opinion, that it has been adulterated, he will report same to a committee appointed at this meeting, and if this committee reports same as adulterated, the name of the shipper shall be given each receiver, who shall agree that such adulterated spirits shall be shipped back to the shipper and name of party adulterating shall be given the Northern commission merchants."

THE DISCUSSION ENSUES.

Mr. Robinson referred to an act by the last Legislature which provides a heavy fine and imprisonment as a penalty for adulteration of spirits, but he understood that the act, while it had been introduced, had not become law; Mr. McEachern had informed him so.

Mr. Wilder said, at the request of Col. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, he drew a petition to the Legislature for the passage of such an act, and that the petition was signed by 18 distillers. The law was printed in copies of the acts of the Legislature, and is in force and effect.

Mr. C. W. Worth said that Mr. Nash's resolution presumed that adulteration of spirits could be easily detected, whereas the presence of foreign substance was exceedingly difficult to find. Mr. Nash replied that adulteration was easily detected.

Many members expressed their willingness to make a concerted effort to prosecute all violators of the law and Mr. Robinson said the law applied to receiver, as well as to manufacturers—any one who offered the adulterated product for sale. He tried to stop the practice in '98 when the Rules of Trade were amended as published, but dealers signed a request to repeal the changes. He was of the opinion that about 33⅓ per cent. of the spirits coming to Wilmington is adulterated. Mr. McEachern was one of the receivers who signed the petition to repeal the change in '98, but he said he did so because the change confiscated the property offered for sale. Mr. W. L. Smith objected to the resolution of Mr. Nash because it would accomplish nothing and would result in loss of freight charges to the receiver. Capt. Oldham, Mr. McQueen, Mr. McNair, Mr. Boney and others discussed the question. Mr. Barksdale said kerosene oil was not the only adulterant used and every petroleum product should be included in any prohibitory measure. The Standard Oil Co. was a large buyer of spirits and it is not given to selling oil at 13c and buying it back at 56c.

Mr. Worth advocated a system of rigid inspection and the reference of the whole matter to a committee of three receivers of spirits to formulate a plan for putting the inspection into effect. Mr. Nash withdrew his resolution, and a motion as suggested by Mr. Worth was made and unanimously carried. The president appointed on that committee Messrs. C. W. Worth, B. F. Hall and H. K. Nash, who were requested to act at once and report their plan in detail to the Chamber at their earliest convenience.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. P. Gatling, of Hallsboro, is at The Orton.

— Mr. B. A. Stone, of Greensboro, is at The Orton.

— Mr. R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, is at The Orton.

— Capt. E. G. Parmele returned last night from Charleston, S. C.

— Mr. H. P. Springer, of Washington, D. C., is here on a brief visit.

— Dr. J. P. Brown and little son, of Ashpole, are in the city on a business trip.

— Mr. and and Mrs. O. M. Filyaw went to Warsaw yesterday to spend a short time.

— Mr. J. W. Partridge, of the S. A. L. at Charlotte, has been transferred to Wilmington.

— Messrs. W. Dargan and B. D. Dargan, of Darlington, S. C., arrived last night from the South.

— Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Jr., and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod, of Lumberton, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. Willie Betts has resigned his position with the Wilmington Baking Co. and will return to Raleigh.

— Mr. J. Sam Wright and Mr. E. B. Wright and wife, of Boardman, were guests yesterday at The Orton.

— Mr. J. B. Farrar, who has been on a business trip to the eastern part of the State, has returned to the city.

— Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Bolles and little daughter, Nellie, are expected this morning to spend the Winter and will reside on Orange, between Fourth and Fifth streets. Mr. Bolles is the Standard Oil Co.'s representatives at Hong Kong, China, and has been granted a five-months leave of absence.

"THE LITTLE MINISTER" TO-NIGHT.

Maude Adams' Great Success Will be Presented at Academy This Evening.

The Harris-Parkinson Company again delighted a large audience at the Academy last night, presenting a play of Southern life entitled "In Sunny Tennessee." Special scenery of an elaborate nature was used in the production.

To-night Maude Adam's brilliant success, "The Little Minister," will be presented and the performance will, no doubt, be witnessed by a large audience. The Harris-Parkinson Company is the only popular price attraction presenting this great success. Seats for this performance are now on sale at Plummer's.

WRECK AT SILER CITY.

Wilmington Train Delayed in Consequence of Southern Wreck on A. & Y.

On account of a freight wreck on the yards at Siler City, on the Southern's division of the A. & Y. railroad, and the consequent blocking of the track thereby, the Fayetteville train due here at 7:40 o'clock last night, did not arrive until near 1 o'clock this morning. Several cars of the freight laden with coal and granite tumbled into a trestle on the Siler City yards, necessitating the transfer of mail and passengers. As the Southern and Coast Line use the same train to Mt. Airy and only transfer crews at Sanford, the Wilmington schedule was interrupted to the extent named.

MRS. J. F. RULFS, SR., DEAD.

Passed Away Early This Morning After Illness With Pneumonia—Funeral.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. J. F. Rulfs, Sr., who passed away at 1 o'clock this morning at the family residence at Fourth and Walnut streets, after an illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Rulfs is survived by her husband, one son, Mr. J. F. Rulfs, Jr., of the firm of Peterson & Rulfs; and Mrs. B. F. Keith, wife of Collector of Customs Keith. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

An Approaching Wedding

Announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Callie Bronson and Mr. Thomas A. Wortham, both of this city, on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, 419 Grace street. The young couple expects to leave on the 9:30 A. M. train, same day, for a ten days' visit to Mr. Wortham's old home near Durham, N. C. Mr. Wortham is one of the popular baggage masters of the Atlantic Coast Line, on the run between Wilmington and Charleston, and will receive many congratulations upon the announcement of his approaching marriage.

To Receive Their Pastor.

The N. N. S. Society of Fifth Street M. E. church will hold an important meeting in the lecture room to-night at 8 o'clock and a full attendance of members is urged. Preparations will be made for a reception to the new pastor of the congregation, Rev. Alpheus McCullen, of Oxford.

They Came to Wilmington.

Lumberton *Robesonian*: "Monday night about 12 o'clock, Mr. McLean Burney and Miss Mollie Lee, both of Tar Heel, arrived at the Hotel Columbia and as soon as a license and magistrate could be secured they were made man and wife. Mr. I. B. Townsend was roused from his slumbers to perform the ceremony. The happy young couple left the following morning for Wilmington."

XMAS----A. D. BROWN.----XMAS

Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.
Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.
Our Chinaware is something to think of.
New Gimps, Dressing Cases and Bags and Leather Goods are useful things to have.
Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.
Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.
We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.
We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.
Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.
We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.
Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel. dec 16 tf

For Christmas Sale.

50 Dozen Trefousse Kid Gloves $1.00 per pair.
200 Dozen Handkerchiefs, all kinds.
10 Dozen Lace Collars, 75 cents to $5.00.
35 Pieces Fur, reasonable.
10 Dozen Dolls, 25 cents to $3.50.
30 Dozen Umbrellas, $1.00 to $8.00.
45 Dozen Gent's Ties, Hose, Collars and Cuffs.
15 Dozen Pictures, 25c up.
Also Picture Frames, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Muff Sets for Children, Purses and Bags, Leather and Silk Belts, &c., &c.

Platt & Haar.

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Rev. J. B. Shelton Coming.

Rev. J. B. Shelton, of Chester, S. C., will arrive this morning and preach at the First Baptist church to-night in the main auditorium at 8 o'clock. All members of the congregation and others are cordially invited to be present.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO-NIGHT.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Harris-Parkinson Co.,

IN MAUDE ADAM'S BIG SUCCESS.

"THE LITTLE MINISTER."

PRICES:

10, 20, 30c.

Seats on sale at Plummer's.

Matinee Saturday.

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Now is a good time to ship live Turkeys to the

UNLUCKY CORNER.

We need them in our business.

S. W. SANDERS.

Both Phones 109. de 16 tf

Fruits and Candies.

I have the best assortment in the city.
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Bell 'Phone 680. dec 16 tf

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For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.

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SEALED PROPOSALS

Will be received at the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer at the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until December 29th, at 11 A. M., at which time all bids will be opened.

The proposals above referred to shall be for furnishing the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington with one thousand feet of cotton Fire Hose; said hose shall be gum and wax treated and rubber lined, and shall be 2½ inches, internal diameter and in length fifty feet each.

Said hose shall be coupled complete with Wilmington Fire Department Standard Couplings, same thread as now used, pattern of which can be obtained by application to the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of Wilmington. Said hose shall be delivered F. O. B. Wilmington, N. C. The hose shall be capable of withstanding the pressure of four hundred pounds to the square inch when delivered and must be guaranteed not to fail in efficiency within five years after date of purchase.

All bids shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington, N. C., care of the City Clerk and Treasurer, and shall be endorsed thereon with the name of the bidder and the address of same.

Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

P. Q. MOORE,
Chairman of the Fire Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington. dec 16 3t

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Will be received at the City Clerk and Treasurer's office in the City Hall of the City of Wilmington until 11 A. M. December 29th, for the purpose of furnishing and equipping a Fire Boat to be used by the City of Wilmington. All bids must conform strictly to the terms and conditions set forth in the contract approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington on December 6th, 1903; a copy of which may be seen by application to the City Clerk and Treasurer. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. All bids must be addressed to the Chairman of the Fire Committee of the City of Wilmington and deposited in the City Clerk and Treasurer's office before 11 A. M. December 29th, and must have endorsed thereon the name of the bidder and the address of same.

P. Q. MOORE,
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For Sale or Rent.

That large tract of Land at Rocky Point, N. C., known as the JOHN WALKER PLANTATION, containing about 1,500 acres, SITUATED ON ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD, right at depot.
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The Morning Star.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 16.

GOOD LEADERSHIP.

The Democratic leadership at Washington is acting in a most level-headed manner. It displays prudence and statemanship, and if this course is kept up to the close of this session of Congress, the Democratic party will deserve the respect and confidence of the country.

The STAR speaks particularly with respect to the action of the Democratic caucus, as recommended by the steering committee, in finally deciding not to offer any amendment to the Cuban reciprocity bill. We notice that in the caucus that astute statesman, Senator Gorman, expressed the opinion that in view of the treaty already agreed to between the United States and Cuba, the best policy for Democratic Senators is not to offer any amendments. Senators Clay, Blackburn and Bailey agreed with him. Senators Berry, Patterson and others, who fear possible detriment to the cane sugar industry of the Southwest, contended for the opposite course. The general trend of the discussion, however, was favorable to the view that the steering committee should be sustained, and even the Senators favoring amendments agreed after the close of the convention that the anti-amendment policy had been practically decided upon when the Berry amendment was voted down. Those in the opposition did not ask for a vote upon the general proposition, but decided to accept the result on the one amendment as final. This evidences harmonious action by the Democratic party on this measure.

The reciprocity bill may not be all that the Democrats in Congress desire, but attempts to amend it will be futile, would be a waste of time, and would impress the American people that the Democratic party is inconsistent and just pig-headedly opposing a Republican measure because of partisan blindness and folly in keeping up the "anti" policy that opposes anything and everything, good or bad, that has its origin on the Republican side.

The responsibility for any bad results from Cuban reciprocity will lie with the Republican administration and party, whose measure it is. Any benefits from it will be shared by the Democrats in voting for it with the reservation that it does not entirely suit them.

President Roosevelt, in his reciprocity message to the extra session of Congress, urged the measure not so much for what it would benefit Cuba, but for its effect in enlarging the trade of this country with Cuba. If reciprocity is to result beneficially to the trade of this country with the sister republic just to the south of us, there is every reason to believe that the South will have a larger proportionate share in the trade relations than any other portion of the United States.

RIGHT TO SET ASIDE ROOSEVELT.

All Democrats as well as Republicans are interested in seeing Roosevelt set aside as the Republican candidate for President.

The Brooklyn *Eagle*, which is not a Republican but a strong Democratic paper, declares that the proposition of some Republicans to set Mr. Roosevelt aside is not decent. Some newspapers agree with the *Eagle* that its declaration is true.

The STAR takes an opposite view. Either the Republican or Democratic party has the right and would be justified in ignoring the ambitions of any man whose policy would be detrimental to party interests. From a higher and more patriotic standpoint, any party would be justified in turning down a man whose rashness, lack of wisdom and want of statesmanship would be dangerous to the national interests. Just here is where Democrats are concerned in the selection of a Republican candidate, for the reason that in the event of his election it is vital that he should be a man who has the respect of all parties and should be a wise and safe man to be at the head of a great nation.

The Republicans, however, are not going to set Roosevelt aside. He has been given to understand that the nomination is his, and the party is tied to him in a way that it cannot free itself from the alliance. To do so at this juncture would be a confession of weakness that no party could stand in the face of a campaign.

An Ohio man has been found with his ear frozen to the ground. What a pity! It is too late for him to learn that it would have been better to have taken a newspaper rather than hold his ear to the ground to try to learn what is going on.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTH POLE.

It is hoped that Lieutenant Peary will reach the North pole on his proposed expedition this Summer. If not we would like for Monsieur Jean Charcot to discover the South pole. *News* comes from Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, that Charcot will within a week lead an expedition to explore Grahamsland en route for the South pole. The Peary and Charcot expeditions will be watched with a great deal of interest, even if neither of the poles are reached.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— It is stated that J. Wiley Shook is negotiating for the old Clyde *Journal* and will make it a warm number during the campaign. He will publish it at Asheville.

— The East Carolina Stone and Construction Company has been organized at Goldsboro with a capital of $7,500. The company will do all kinds of building and contract work.

— Charlotte *Observer*, Dec. 15th: The preachers of this city have determined to have an election on the whiskey question in Charlotte if the aldermen grant licenses to the saloon keepers.

— At Newton December 14th, Charles Setzer, the merchant who made a startling confession that he burned the store of a rival, was committed to the Morganton hospital for the insane.

— State Auditor Dixon, who went to the sounds of Eastern North Carolina with Gov. Aycock, gives the official statement of swan, geese and ducks killed by the Governor and himself last week as 150.

— A charter has been granted to the Bryson City Pump Works Company to manufacture wood pumps and all kinds of furniture, and turned wood articles, capital stock $15,000, J. Schenck and others being stockholders.

— William Bathurst Daingerfield, Jr., 24 years of age, whose residence is in New York, eloped December 13th, with a North Carolina girl, Miss Agnes Belle Brazelton, aged 21 years, who has been recently visiting Washington, D. C. They were married at Frederick, Md.

— At Elizabeth City on the 14th instant, Emma, two year-old daughter of Grant and Amy Rembury, was burned to death. The mother went after laundry and locked her three children in the house. The house caught fire and the two older children were able to get out.

— Florence (S. C.) *Times*: We heartily wish that our Florence boys who are going to put up a stove factory in Durham had undertaken it in Florence. Florence needs such enterprises even more than Durham, and we doubt not would have proved as good a field.

— The Baltimore North Carolina Society will have its annual banquet at the Carrolton Hotel, at 8. P. M., Friday, Dec. 18th. Governor Aycock, Senators F. M. Simmons and Lee S Overman, and Congressmen Edward W. Pou and Theodore F. Klutz will be among the speakers.

— The Boyd Furniture Company of Raleigh is preparing very elaborate furniture for the North Carolina exhibit at St. Louis. Much of the material used is cherry, curly maple, etc. After use at the World's Fair, this furniture will be brought back to Raleigh and used in the State Museum.

— Charlotte *Observer*: "Yes, I shall probably be in the race for the Republican Congressional nomination in the Eighth district," said ex-Congressman Spencer Blackburn, at the Buford, last night. "Who will the Democrats put up? Klutz, I suppose. And if I get the nomination I will defeat him without any trouble."

— Grand Secretary Drewry, of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, says the growth of that order is remarkable. Last year there were 329 lodges, with 13,662 members; now there are 343 lodges, with 14,000 members. It is the largest increase ever shown in the history of the Grand Lodge.

— Wilson *Times* December 12th: The barn and stables belonging to Mrs. H. D. Lucas, of Black Creek, were entirely consumed yesterday, causing a loss of four hundred dollars. Her residence, together with Mr. Bob Privett's store and residence also caught, but by hard work of the citizens the fire was extinguished without doing material damage.

— Durham *Sun*: News in railroad circles is to the effect that a syndicate has been formed to operate a railroad from East Durham to Haywood, near Hamlet, on the Seaboard Air Line. This syndicate has already spent about $30,000 in buying timbered land, and has acquired property along the proposed route for the distance of eight miles, from Haywood coming this way, as far as Sear's Mill. They have paid from $7.50 to $12.50 per acre, which is a higher price than is usually paid along proposed routes.

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— Des Moines is red in the face because her new military post has been garrisoned by troops who are black in the face.—*Washington Post.*

— Mrs. Langtry has eliminated the disrobing scene from her new play, which discounts the claim of the Washington *Post* that she was anxious to outstrip every American actress.—*Macon Telegraph.*

— A Baltimore bank runner was robbed of a large sum of money in the postoffice of that city. It appears that all occurrences of that nature take place in postoffices nowadays.—*Memphis News.*

— The negro organization which wanted a charter in Mississippi under the name of Elks has been satisfied with the title of "Supreme Lodge of United Reformers of America, Europe, Asia and Africa." That ought to make the colored brethren happy.—*Memphis Scimitar.*

— By the process of elimination the Democrats are approaching something like a united sentiment on a Democratic Presidential nominee. Cleveland, by his letter, took himself out of the running, if he may be considered ever to have been in. Olney is too old. Gorman has his reconstruction and tariff records to face. The Parker boom constantly looms up, and at this writing it looks as if the man from N. Y. was the most available for the candidacy. Next year, however, may bring its changes. A dark horse may appear.—*Knoxville Sentinel.*

— From the London *Times*: Tibet is a strange land. It is a wonderful country and a strange people. Think of a track of land where hot springs abound, round which the deposits are of such rainbow tints as blue, purple, green, red and yellow. It is easy to imagine that the landscape effects of such coloring are wondrous. The social customs of the people are scarcely less astounding. Polygamy is common where the men are rich enough, for wives seem to be a question of wealth. When poverty compels them, several men will have one wife in common. Brothers usually enter into those partnerships. The people rarely wash, finding it warmer to be dirty. The men anoint their faces with butter, while the women stain their countenances mahogany color with wood chips and lacquer the bridges of their noses jet black. Cleanliness is an unesteemed practice.

TWINKLINGS

"His face has such a worn look!" "No wonder; he has been traveling on it for forty years."—*Puck.*

— Ida: I don't think they have been wealthy long. May: Don't you believe it. They know how to pick out the ugliest bulldogs the dealer has.—*Chicago News.*

— LaMont—A cyclone struck my uncle's tobacco crop down South and cut it all up. LaMoyne—Total loss, I suppose? LaMont—No, he sold it as fine-cut.—*Chicago News.*

— He—Did you enjoy the matinee, dear? She—Very much. I sat next to Mrs. Gabbie, whom I haven't seen for years. We had just a lovely chat.—*Philapelphia Public Ledger.*

— The great man rushed out and grappled with the wild-eyed intruder. "What have you there?" demanded the great man. "A gun," hissed the stranger. "Oh, then, it's not so bad. I thought you had a camera."—*Chicago News.*

— Upgardson—Are you out anything on holiday presents yet? Atom—Yes; I made a sort of holiday present of everything I had to a gentleman with a revolver whom I met under a viaduct last night.—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "Where will I get a marriage license?" asked a young man in the city hall. "You might try the bureau of encumbrances," replied the man with the bald head, as he passed on.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "I hear you hope to make a great musician of your son. Whom have you selected to teach him?" "Oh! he hasn't got as far as the music yet. He's just being treated by a scalp specialist to make his hair luxuriant."—*Philadelphia Public Ledger.*

— Mrs. Newcross—Of course, we ought to have a coat of arms. Mr. Newcross—Well, I'd like to have a bull rampant, with some kind of a Latin motto meaning that he was only rampant when the market was right.—*Puck.*

—"I suppose," said the rural postmistress' friend, "you get lots of enjoyment out of reading the postal cards." "O!" replied the postmistress, "not near so much as I get out of the letters I steam."—*Catholic Times.*

— Noah was chuckling with suppressed merriment, when his wife inquired the cause. "Oh, nothing much," he replied; "only I still have that umbrella I borrowed from Smith." Still laughing at the joke on Smith, he went below to feed the other hogs.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 22nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

W. J. CRAIG,
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When Sandow poses and the muscles ridge his back and knot his arms, we think we have before us the very secret of strength in those magnificent muscles. But we haven't. Starve Sandow, or, what is practically the same thing, let him be dyspeptic, and his muscle would soon fail. Strength is made from food properly digested and assimilated, and no man is stronger than his stomach, because when the stomach is diseased digestion and assimilation are imperfect.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food so that the body is nourished into perfect health and strength.

"I had what my physician called indigestion. He gave me medicine for the trouble but it did me no good," writes Mr. W. H. Wells, of Willard, N. C. "I wrote to Dr. Pierce and stated my case. He sent me a descriptive list and hygienic rules. I carried out these as best I could, bought six bottles of his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and commenced taking it. A few days later I noticed a great change. Felt like a new man. Before I began the use of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' I suffered greatly with pain in stomach, my nerves seemed all 'run-down,' I was very thin in flesh, but now can eat heartily and sleep good at night."

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LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 15th, 1903.

WOMEN'S LIST.

J B Bailey, Fannie Brown, Leon Brown, Elsie Cane, L V Carroll, Julia Cassel, J A Curtis, Sally Ghragm, Grace Hengeveld, Sarah S Jones, Lee Lewis, L'izett McCall, Deallie Mc Carmack, Susan McEley, Eliza Millkin, Esteler Myers, Kate Rasberry, Dorah Smith.

MEN'S LIST.

Benjamin Adams, Chas Baner, G A Beballard, R B Brown, W V Brown, Dr G C Bryant, J F Butler, M A Williams, James Davis, Edw Elsworth, John Joies, David Gordon, Bradley Grant, N A Hunt, William C Jones, Henry Lewis, W O Lumsden, E A Lynch, Willis McCalister, L A McRae, E L Martain, M S Mulles, John C Murry, Charlie Nelson, Arnold Page, A A Pednean, Fred Pelson, Alfonso Piro, S Reaves, Charlie Rich, Preston Stampers, Tom Tomlinson, Frank Walker, J B. Wheeler.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Anna Perry, H E Wheeler.

One cent due is charged on letters advertised.

Letters to strangers or transient visitors to a town or city, whose special address may be unknown, should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the word "Transient."

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

M. C. DARBY,
Postmaster.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, T D Love.

Steamer Sanders, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone, & Co.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, New York, H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 16.

STEAMERS.

Devonshire, (Br) 2,364 tons, Couli, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Scarthoe, (Br) 2,535 tons, Hall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Herald, 474 tons, Keyes, to master.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

Adele Thackara, 515 tons, McKeen, C D Mafflit.

Damietta and Joana, 274 tons, York, C D Mafflit.

Robt H Stevenson, 1,053 tons, Higbee, C D Mafflit.

C C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, C D Mafflit.

Ida C Southard, 718 tons, Blake, C D Mafflit.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpot, C D Mafflit.

BRIGS.

Sullivan, 295 tons, McNeil, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Telefon, (Nor) 711 tons, Olsen, Heide & Co.

Kampfjord, (Nor) 743 tons, Christiansen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—170 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 153 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—378 bales cotton, 25 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,791 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 1 barrel rosin, 136 barrels tar, 102 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—42 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 52 barrels tar.

Schooner Ruth Darling—3 bales cotton, 12 barrels rosin, 55 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,384 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 13 barrels rosin, 366 barrels tar, 164 barrels crude turpentine.

— Durham *Sun*: It is stated that everything in connection with the street car line has been completed except the trifling matter of building it, and that this will be looked after immediately.

Averages a Gross Per Month.

I have many calls for Cheney's Expectorant. A single test is all that's necessary to convince people of its value. You may send me C. O. D. 1 gross, and oblige,

HENRY E. LAMPKIN,

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 50½c; rosin steady at $1.30@1.35; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 3.80@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	25
Rosin	13
Tar	366
Crude turpentine	164

Receipts same day last year—18 casks spirits turpentine, 638 barrels rosin, 385 barrels tar, 58 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 12c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—2,384 bales; same day last year, 2,638.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm, 65@70c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 13½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 35@40c; springs, 15@35c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 40@45c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call was steady at 5@6 per cent., closing bid 5¾ per cent., and offered at 6¼ per cent.; time loans steady; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 6¼ per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.75@483.85 for demand and 480.35@481 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 481 and 484½. Commercial bills 480¼@480¾. Bar silver 55½. Mexican dollars 41¾. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 105½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107½; do. coupon, 107¼; U.S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133½; do. coupons 133½; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 113¼. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 87½; Chesapeake & Ohio 33; Manhattan L 141; New York Central 118½; Reading 44½; do. 1st preferred 76¾; do. 2nd preferred 59; St. Paul 142½; do. pref'd, 171½; Southern Railway 21; do. pref'd 77¼; Amalgamated Copper 47½; People's Gas 97⅝; Tennessee Coal and Iron 33½; U. S. Leather 7½; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76¾; Western Union 87; U. S. Steel 10½; do. preferred 52¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 96½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 95; sales — shares. Standard Oil 660.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 15.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 13@13½; do. preferred, 23½@23; do. bonds, fours, 73½@73¾. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 108@109; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 15.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55¼c; sales — casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels: A, B, C, $2 10; D, $2 10, E, $2 10; F, $2 10; G, $2 15; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 15.—Spirits turpentine was firm at —c; receipts 340 casks; sales 638 casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,345 barrels; sales 984 barrels; exports 3,311 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 90; D, $3 20; E, $3 30; F, $3 20; G, $3 25; H, $3 35; I, $3 55; K, $3 80; M, $3 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of six to eight points on moderate bull support and covering that seemed to find its chief encouragement in private advices from various Southern interior points, reporting a good demand for spot cotton with a scarcity of attractive grades, and the firmness of the market at Liverpool, where prices were several points better than due. Otherwise the news was not particularly encouraging. The receipts continue sufficiently large to shake confidence among some operators in the accuracy of the government's crop figures, the weather was not unfavorable to the movement, and unsettling rumors were in circulation regarding the condition of affairs in Manchester, where it was hinted some houses were on the brink of suspension. In addition to this, private cables stated that an English expert was to announce another reduction in his estimates of the world's requirements, which on November 5th he placed at 10,877,000 bales, reduced on November 13th to 10,500,000 bales, and now reduces to 10,300,000 bales. The market, however, paid little attention to these phases of the situation and trading continued largely professional with the bull contingent buying enough on soft spots to impart considerable firmness to the undertone and prices in the afternoon showed a net advance of eight to thirteen points on the active months. Following this the list sagged off slightly under liquidation, but was steadied just before the close by buying by brokers supposed to represent New Orleans interests, and was finally steady net 5 to 10 points higher. Sales estimated 200,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cotton steady at 12.45c; net receipts 1,189 bales; gross receipts 11,343 bales; stock 69,967 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 12.14, January 12.23, February 12.31, March 12.40, April 12.46, May 12.47, June 12.46, July 12.46, August 12.16.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 12.45; middling gulf 12.70c; sales 500 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 63,088 bales; exports to Great Britain 32,165 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent — bales; Japan — bales; stock 925,937 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 155,479 bales; exports to Great Britain 60,763 bales; exports to France 17,276 bales; exports to the Continent 48,103 bales; exports to Japan 2,956 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,487,045 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,316,861 bales; exports to France 470,733 bales; exports to the Continent 1,336,418 bales; exports to Japan 19,906 bales; exports to Mexico 16,953 bales.

Dec 15.—Galveston, firm at 12 1-16c, net receipts 27,174 bales; Norfolk, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 4,544 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 12.25c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 12.45, net receipts 5 bales; Wilmington, steady at 12c, net receipts 2,384 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 12.70c, net receipts 224 bales; Savannah, firm at 12¼, net receipts 2,638 bales; New Orleans, steady at 12½c, net receipts 15,630 bales; Mobile, very steady at 12c, net receipts 1,511 bales; Memphis, steady at 12c, net receipts 3,022 bales; Augusta, steady at 12¼c, net receipts 3,598 bales; Charleston, firm at 12c, net receipts 719 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Flour was quiet and steady. Rye flour firm; choice to fancy $3 45@3 60. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 89½c. Options opened firmer on small Northwest receipts and steady cables but slowly eased off all day under the depressing influence of big Southwest receipts, liquidation and poor export demand, closing ½@1½c net lower: May closed 84¼c; July closed 80¾c; December closed 89¼. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 53c. Option market at first was higher on a good commission house demand, closing steady and unchanged: May closed 49¼c; December 53¼c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2 41¼c. Lard steady; Western steam $6 90; refined dull. Butter steady; extra creamery 25c; State dairy 15@23. Cheese quiet; State, fullcream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3@5c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $3 12@3 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage firm; domestic, per 100 $8 00@10 00; per barrel $1 50@2 25. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 13. Sugar—Raw steady; refined steady. Pork dull. Rice quiet. Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 34c. Molasses firm. Cotton seed oil was firmer and more active, with prices as follows: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 26@27; prime summer yellow 36c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 37@38c; prime winter yellow 38@40c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Discouraging foreign wheat markets started active liquidations here to-day. May wheat closed at a loss of ½c. May corn was unchanged, oats ½c lower and provisions a trifle easier.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Cash prices: Flour—Market steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 81@82; No. 3 spring 78c; No. 2 red 80¾@83¾c. Corn—No. 2 42c; No. 2 yellow 44c. Oats—No 2 34¾@34¾c; No. 3 white 34¾@37c. Rye—No. 2 51½c. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 30@11 40. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 42½@6 45. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 25@6 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 79@79½, 79¼, 77¾, 78¾c; May 81¼, 82, 80¾@80¾, 80¾@81c; July 76¾@77, 77, 75¾, 76¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¾, 42¼, 41¾, 41¾@41¼; May 43¾@43¾, 43¾@43¾, 43@43¼, 43¼@43¾; July 43¾, 43¾, 43@43¾, 43@43½c. Oats—No. 2 December 35, 35, 34¼@34¾, 34¼@34½c; May 36¾@36½, 36¾@37, 36½, 36½c; July 34, 34, 33¾@34, 33¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $11 32½, 11 40, 11 30, 11 40; May $11 72½, 11 77½, 11 65, 11 75. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 44, 6 45, 6 53½, 6 45; May $6 62½, 6 62½, 6 60, 6 62½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 02½, 6 10, 6 07½, 6 10; May $6 30, 6 30, 6 25, 6 30.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 6¼c; mild firm. The market for coffee futures opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points, following lower European cables and heavier primary receipts. Offerings in the afternoon when demand was light weakened price and the market while finally steady was 10 to 15 points lower. Sales 86,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices 4 to 6 points higher; American middling fair 7.03d; good middling 6.86d; middling 6.74d; low middling 6.68d; good ordinary 6.58d; ordinary 6.38d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 4,700 bales American. Receipts 41,000 bales, including 40,900 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and closed steady; American middling (g o c): December 6.61@6.62d; December and January 6.57d; January and February 6.53d; February and March 6.51@6.52d; March and April 6.50d; April and May 6.49d; May and June 6.48d; June and July 6.46d; July and August 6.43@6.44d; August and September 6.31d.

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in a State proceeding pending therein between Carolina Wise, Rose L. Wise, Berta Wise, Darry Wise and Ella Wise as plaintiffs, and James McMillan as defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, the following described property, beginning at the northwestern intersection of Nixon and Brooklyn streets, runs south with the west line of Brooklyn street 130 feet; thence west parallel with Nixon street 75 feet; thence north parallel with Brooklyn street 130 feet to the Southern line of Nixon street; thence east with said line of Nixon street 75 feet to be, being, being parts of lots one and two, Block 207.

T. E. BROWN,
dec 13 1m. Commissioner

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You see, Vinol contains every one of the active, curative principles contained in cod liver oil, but without a drop of grease to retard its work; it is a scientific rebuilder and strength creator, and will in a marvellous manner restore the sick to health and make life worth living. Robert R. Bellamy, druggist.

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BREVITIES

THE HALL OF FAME.

General Lew Wallace has been asked to get up a "Ben-Hur" chariot race for the Indiana state fair this fall.

John H. Benton has completed forty years of continuous service in the United States bureau of pensions.

Mrs. Jennie Busineau of Lancaster, Mass., has seen eight of her fourteen children die of old age. She is 105.

Frederick C. Howe of Cleveland has declined a position in the Porto Rico cabinet tendered to him by Governor Hunt.

A third set of natural teeth has just emerged from the gums of Nathan Ballinger of Newcastle, Ind. He is eighty years old.

Lieutenant General Miles says that the only way for soldiers to get good beef is to buy the live stock and butcher it themselves.

Joseph Downey, a Chicago contractor, has just returned from a tour around the world, which he made at a cost of $5,000 to win a twenty dollar bet.

Miss Mary E. Prettyman, a typewriter engaged in copying records in the patent office at Washington, wrote 17,500 words in six and a half hours the other day. It is believed she is the world's champion.

Edward Rudolph Johnes, an authority on international law and counsel for Venezuela in the boundary dispute with England during President Cleveland's second administration, died recently in New York.

Prince Imra, younger brother of the sultan of Sulu, has, at his own and his father's request, become the adopted son of Colonel Owen J. Sweet of the Twenty-eighth United States infantry. The young prince is now in Boston with the colonel's family.

John Bellis, who is nearly eighty years old, has resigned as postmaster at Kingwood, N. J., and has turned over the office to William S. Carver, who has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Bellis has held the office for forty-seven consecutive years.

Miss Laura Miriam Cornelius, a full blood Oneida, who lives on an Indian reserve in Wisconsin, is making a book of the traditions and legends of her tribe. She also contemplates a novel dealing with the history of the Oneidas and has made a grammar and a dictionary of her native tongue.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

There is now a proposition for a benefit to Jananuschek.

Lulu Glaser is touring the south in "Dolly Varden" and is reaping a successful harvest.

J. H. Stoddard will soon appear in Halifax, in which city he has not played since 1856.

Miss Suzanne Sheldon has been engaged to support Charles Richman in the Victor Mapes new play next season.

Robert Hilliard has a new play called "Number 973," written by himself and Edwin Holland. It has proved a big success.

The energetic and ambitious Mrs. Brown Potter has secured from Louis N. Parker a platform version of "Tristan und Isolde."

Beerbohm Tree will present "The Darling of the Gods" in London next season. It will be played by Mr. Tree and a special company.

Harry Conor, Viola Carlstedt and Stella Hammerstein have been engaged by George W. Lederer for Blanche Ring's company.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

A New York policeman has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Evidently he didn't get a chance.—Cleveland Leader.

We sincerely hope our foreign friends will not judge the merits of our former heroes by their pictures on our postage stamps.—Birmingham News.

When the battle ship Kansas is christened it would be an act of gracious courtesy to permit Carrie Nation to smash the bottle.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

If the spirit of Henry Ward Beecher is thinking about small change, those who are in the flesh may be pardoned for worrying about the rent.—Sioux City Tribune.

Union musicians throughout the country are to demand shorter hours, and it is hoped that all young women learning to play the piano will join the union.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

The Lexington (Mo.) presbytery has adopted a resolution condemning football, baseball and basket ball. Pingpong and golf are safe for a time, but they may become sinful any minute.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

CYNICISMS.

Lord love us, how friends talk about each other! Did you ever notice it?

The oftener a man marries the more direct the route he takes to the point of proposing.

If you think you are doing right, it is because you have not heard from all your friends.

Using a compliment as a handle, there are mighty few doors that can't be pried open.

A man never realizes what a big hurry he is in until he finds that dinner is not on the table.

Everything old fashioned seems to come back in time except keeping the Sabbath holy and wearing corkscrew curls.—Atchison Globe.

Between Friends.

Mayme—I hear you are going to be married again?

Edyth—Again? Why, I've never been tied up as yet.

Mayme—No; but I can't recall the number of times you were "going to be."—Town Topics.

Not Quite.

Pa—Well, Willie, didn't you catch that frog after all?

Willie—Naw! I guess he ain't so green as he looks, pa!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Common Tickling.

"You mustn't cough so much, Willie," his mother said.

"I can't help it, mamma," replied the little boy with the long golden curls. "Something amuses me in my throat."—Chicago Tribune.

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Many people think that patent medicines are worthless but if all women who are suffering and sick as I was could have my experience with Wine of Cardui they would change their mind.

I really had not known a well day since I was fifteen, as I suffered at the menstrual period, sometimes with profuse and sometimes with scanty menstruation very irregular and very painful.

I had such pains in my back that I could not lie down and could not find a comfortable sitting position and that is the way a week out of a month had to be endured for years.

Of course I had tried different remedies for my trouble and sometimes I would feel much better and think I was cured, but in a short time the trouble would come back and was only able to get permanent relief through the use of Wine of Cardui which cured me in three months. I have been in good health for a year, and have therefore every reason to believe that I will remain so.

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"Do you know you can tell a man's disposition by his teeth?" asked the girl who believes in signs, bumps and palm reading.

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Those Who Roost.

Newcome—They tell me hens never lay eggs at night. Did you know that?

Subbubs—Oh, yes.

Newcome—Strange, isn't it?

Subbubs—Not at all. All the hens are roosters at night, you know.—Philadelphia Press.

The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another.

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Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall., Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, } Superior Court Before the Clerk.

Edgar Miller and wife Nancy Miller and Olivias Waddell and Sophie Miller } Plaintiffs

vs.

John Rhew alias John Miller and Lucy Rhew alias Lucy Miller. } Defendants.

It appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause, that the above named defendant, Lucy Miller, is a non-resident of this State and cannot, after due diligence, be found in this State and that a cause of action exists in plaintiffs favor against the said defendant in that said defends t is a tenant in common of a certain lot in the city of Wilmington at the northwestern intersection of Fanning and Anderson streets fronting 80½ feet on Fanning street and 66 feet on Anderson street, with the other parties to this action and that a sale thereof is deemed necessary to make a partition or division thereof.

Now these are, therefore, to notify the said defendant, Lucy Miller, to be and appear at my office in the Court House, in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1904, and answer or demur to the petition, this day filed or judgment will be granted according to the prayer th reof.

This the 14th day of November, 1903.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County. we no 25 6t W

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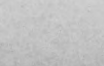

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SOMETHING OF INTEREST.

Our regular interest quarter begins Tuesday, December 1st, and money deposited with us on or before that date will receive credit for three months interest on the first day of March, 1904. We pay at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF **The Murchison National Bank,** Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,181,992 44	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250,000 00	Surplus and net profits	104,506 80
Bank Building	30,000 00	Circulation	97,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	712 196 94	Deposits	1,097,149 98
	$2 229,688 98		$2,229,688 98

Comparative statement of deposits.

Nov. 17th, 1901, $673,808 85. Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,000 00 Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,097,149 98.

H. C. McQUEEN, President, J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE,

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.00 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
*† 6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
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Small freigh shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 5 P. M. trips Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 13 tf

Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrive Lumberton 5:30 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p m, Maxton 6.45 p m, Hamlet 7:25 p m. Arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2.55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 5:50 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8 45 a m, Arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:42 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:40 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:26 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 20 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 25 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 30 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	5 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	5 45 a m	5 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	.....	.....
Ar Norfolk	8 00 a m	5 30 p m

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Richmond	8 55 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	4 50 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	8 30 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 35 p m
Ar Wilson	1 15 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1 28 a m
Ar Petersburg	5 55 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 38 a m	9 18 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	2 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 31 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 45 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 57 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	5 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	3 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 20 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 25 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 30	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newberne	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.6 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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To Excursionists.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. DEC. 16.

ACTION OF CAUCUS OF DEMOCRATIC SENATORS.

Panama Treaty Discussed — Sufficient Number of Democrats Will Vote for Treaty to Insure Its Ratification.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Democratic caucus to-day, after considerable opposition, passed a resolution declaring that caucus action of the party hereafter should be binding and that all members should abide by such caucus action. The caucus will assemble to morrow, when it is expected the Panama treaty will be taken up.

The resolution to make the caucus binding provides that any action so endorsed must have a two-thirds vote. The Panama canal situation was discussed and it was developed that a sufficient number of Democrats would vote for the treaty to insure its ratification. The Democrats will insist that certain amendments be incorporated in the treaty, and that these amendments will have the caucus approval.

The action of the Democratic caucus in making the future decrees of the caucus binding was not unanimous. Senator Cockrell opposed the proposition, saying that during the past fifty years such a proceeding was not regarded as necessary by the Democratic party.

To this reply was made that the Democratic party had been in power but very little during the past fifty years. Senator Stone, of Missouri, took issue with his colleague and favored firm caucus action. When the vote was taken Senator Cockrell, on account of his views, was excused from voting. Two other senators voted against the proposition.

Senator Mallory moved to exclude from the operations of the agreement the pending reciprocity bill and the Panama treaty, but this was voted down. It was stated that matters upon which caucus action was to be taken would be considered as they arose.

NORTHERN SECURITIES CASE.

Argument Continued in the U. S. Supreme Court by Attorney General Knox in Behalf of the Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Argument in the Northern Securities case was resumed in the United States Supreme Court to-day, and again the court room was crowded by attorneys and others interested in the case. Attorney General Knox was recognized almost immediately after the court came in, and resumed his argument at the point at which he left off when court adjourned yesterday. He declared that by the union of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern in the Northern Securities Company, two competing interstate railroads have been brought into such relations that their independence as competitive factors in interstate commerce is destroyed.

The thing that has been done was declared illegal, he said, when brought about by the methods pursued in the joint traffic and trans-Missouri cases. These were cases of contracts or agreements between independent and competing lines of railroad for the regulation of traffic charges. The government charged that these agreements restrained interstate commerce, and this court sustained that contention.

Mr. Knox was immediately followed by George B. Young, on behalf of the Securities Company. He began his argument by saying that his clients do not seek to in any way limit the authority of Congress over interstate commerce nor was the Securities Company seeking to in any way evade the law, but it was not, he said, necessary to stretch a law covering interstate commerce to cover something that is not interstate commerce.

"We are not dealing here with commerce or the operations of railroads at all," he said, "but we are dealing with the question of property."

Mr. Young contended that the transfer of the stock of the railroad companies to the Securities Company had been entirely free from the features which had operated to their discredit upon the formation of trusts. There was no million dollar commission nor any other incident of the usual character. Indeed, he asserted that the combination was in no sense a trust. The transaction was nothing more than a transfer of property. "We are proceeding upon the theory," he said, "that an out and out sale was made, and," he went on, "unless the court is prepared to hold that Congress should exercise exclusive control of all transfers of transportation agencies engaged in insterstate commerce, we fail to see how this transaction can be held to be a combination in restraint of trade, or a violation of the anti-trust law."

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Cashier of a New Haven Bank Who Was Short in His Accounts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 15.—After greeting a bank examiner, who had come unannounced to examine his accounts, Asa C. Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National Bank, in this city, went into the basement of the bank to-day and shot himself, death ensuing soon afterward.

A statement given out by Edwin S. Greeley, president of the bank, and by John T. Manson, the vice president, this afternoon, said that an investigation of the books indicated that the cashier was indebted to the bank for between $12,000 and $15,000 and that he had been speculating in stocks to a limited extent.

President Greeley said that Bushnell had been with the bank twenty-one years and that he was the last man who would have been suspected of speculation, as his personal habits seemed to be above reproach and free from extravagance.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

ESTABLISHING THE PANAMA REPUBLIC

The Conditions Under Which It Resulted Discussed by Francis R. Loomis.

ASSISTANT SEC'Y OF STATE.

Says the President Simply Executed the Will of the American People With Due Regard to International Law and Rights.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The conditions which resulted in the recent establishment of the republic of Panama were discussed to-night at the banquet of the Quill Club, held at the Hotel Manhattan, by Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state of the United States, and M. Phillipe Bunau-Varilla, minister for Panama. Among those present was President Frissell, of the Hampton Institute.

Assistant Secretary Loomis, in presenting his views on Panama and our relations with other Latin-American countries, said:

"We have not desired to annex Panama, and we have not done so. The President simply executed the will of the American people with due regard to international law and rights. He was instructed by Congress to secure a canal route on the isthmus of Panama if possible. He waited until adjournment of the Colombian Congress and gave the government of that country every opportunity to ratify the treaty or to propose some proper method looking to the ratification of a new treaty and the Colombian Congress, in utter bad faith, rejected the treaty and adjourned.

"Then the revolution occurred and the President recognized the new republic." The right of secession, Mr. Loomis said, was expressly stipulated in some of the Panama constitutions.

Mr. Loomis said the administration had no apologies to offer for its course.

"The rejection of the treaty at Bogota," continued Mr. Loomis, "was an unfriendly act, from the point of international law. Colombia appealed to us to enter into a treaty to build a canal, the treaty was negotiated with her in a most liberal spirit on our part, and was then rejected by the Colombian government and Congress without debate. It occurred to certain men in Bogota that the United States could be made to pay twenty or twenty-five millions of dollars instead of ten, or, better still, as has been disclosed by recent published official correspondence, if the treaty were rejected or no action taken upon it and the whole matter postponed for another year, the concession of the present French canal company having expired by that time, the renewal of that concession would be declared invalid and the rights, privileges and work of the French canal company be practically confiscated and disposed of to the United States for forty millions of dollars, in addition to the ten millions as proposed and the annuity of a quarter of a million. This was a radiant and alluring prospect, and the temptation proved too strong.

"This particular bit of canal history and the possible consequences to the Colombian government in rejecting the treaty have not been exhaustively discussed. If you will consider it carefully you will see that out of the conditions created by the failure of the Colombians to ratify the treaty and their deeply grounded belief that they could invalidate the renewal of the concession of the French company and sell that concession to the United States for forty million of dollars, out of these possibilities came one of our strongest needs for prompt and courageous action when the opportunity was offered by the revolution in Panama on November 3rd.

"If the Colombian Congress had declared invalid the renewal of the French concession, which might have happened on the isthmus, I may safely assert, without fear of contradiction by any well informed person, that the government of France would not have stood serenely by and witnessed the pillage of thousands of her people through the act which Bogota politicians devised for the looting of the French company of $40,000,000.

"The moment that the cables flashed from Bogota to Paris the astounding news that the extension of the French concession was cancelled, a French squadron from Martinique would have borne down upon the isthmus and perhaps landed marines at Colon and sent them across the isthmus to Panama and along the line of the canal to protect the interests and property of French citizens. There would, in all probability, have been an armed conflict between France and Colombia, or France at least would have felt herself compelled to hold the isthmus for a long period. This would have wrought immediately and poignantly upon the sensibilities of the American people in respect to the Monroe Doctrine and we should no doubt have found ourselves viewing France with annoying apprehension. The French warships might easily have been followed by those of England and Holland; and Panama, like the Balkan states, might well have been expected to have furnish the spark to set half the world in flames."

AFFAIRS IN THE FAR EAST.

Russian Influence in Corea Unshaken—A Feeling That Extinction of the Empire is Imminent.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SEOUL, Dec. 15.—More rioting has occurred at Mok-Phe and yesterday a Japanese mob wounded seventeen Koreans. High Korean officials are burrying to Hok Phe to try and quell the disorderr. So far Russia has not interferred.

United States Minister Allen has demanded a definite answer from the Korean government in regard to the opening of the port of Wiju.

Despite American, British and Japanese pressure, Russian influence over the Korean government is apparently unshaken and it is expected that Korea will procrastinate in dealing with the matter and possibly may refuse eventually to act at all. A feeling of unrest is growing among the Korean people, who fear that whether it be peace or war between Russia and Japan, the extinction of the empire is imminent. It is believed that the outbreak of hostilities or the announcement of a protectorate of any kind will precipitate trouble. Foreigners in Seoul expect disorder and the American residents desire a warship. The Korean army, numbering 6,000 men, is considered one of the most dangerous factors of the situation—as an insubordinate element is believed to be beyond control. In case of trouble it is feared that the soldiers will be the first to lead the rioting and begin looting.

A part of the Russian squadron has already departed for Port Arthur, and the remainder of the fleet will follow, leaving no warships of that nation in Korean waters.

MILITARY DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Recommendations of the General Staff Establishing Military Divisions Approved by Secretary of War.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Secretary of War to-day approved the recommendation of the general staff establishing military divisions and somewhat changing the present boundary lines of departments in the United States. There will be four divisions in the United States and one in the Philippines. The Atlantic division willconstitute the present department of the East, except the State of Louisiana, with the State of Tennessee added thereto and will be composed of the department of the East and the department of the Gulf. The headquarters of the department of the Gulf will be located at Atlanta, Ga., and the headquarters of the division will be at Governor's Island, New York. Headquarters of the department of the East will be temporarily Governor's Island.

The Northern division will be composed of the present department of the Lakes. The department of Missouri is enlarged by adding thereto the State of Wyoming, which has been detached from the department of Colorado. The headquarters of the Northern division will be at St. Louis.

The Pacific division will be composed of the present departments of California and Columbia. The headquarters of the division will be San Francisco.

The Southwestern division will be composed of the departments of Colorado and Texas.

The Department of Texas will be enlarged by the addition of the States of Louisiana and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Indian Territories. The headquarters of this division will be Oklanoma City, Oklahoma.

The Philippine division will remain as now constituted.

The following division commanders have been decided upon:

Atlantic division, Major General Corbin; Northern division, Major General Bates; Pacific division, Major General MacArthur; Southwestern division, Major General Sumner; Philippine division, Major General Wade.

The order becomes effective January 15th, 1904.

The following officers have been designated to assume command of the several departments:

Department of the Gulf, General Haynes; Department of the Lakes, General Grant; Department of Missouri, General Wint, General Car temporarily; Department of Dakota, General Kobbe; Department of California, General MacArthur temporarily; Department of Columbia, General Funston; Department of Colorado, General Baldwin; Department of Texas, General Lee, General Barry temporarily; Department of Luzon, General Randall, Department of Visayas, General Carter; Department of Mindanao, General Wood; Commandant of the infantry and cavalry, Fort Leavenworth, General Bell.

A delegation of citizens of Chattanooga, accompanied by Representative Brownlow, of Tennessee, waited on Secretary Root, before he approved the plans of the general board, and made an argument in favor of establishing the headquarters of the new military department at Chattanooga instead of at Atlanta.

ARRESTED IN AUGUSTA, GA.

Man Supposed to be an Accomplice of Miller in the Sale Robbery at Guyton, Georgia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—Frank W. Kline, supposed to be the second man in the Guyton, Ga., safe cracking, was arrested by local detectives here to-night. It seems that Miller, the man arrested yesterday and Kline have been going together for several weeks in Augusta. Evidence was plain at Guyton that two men did the job. Kline denies all connection with the case. A rebate check for cash fare on the Central Railway from a point five miles above Guyton to Augusta was found on his person. A similar check was found on Miller. Both checks were dated Saturday, November 12th, the day after the robbery. A half dozen people have identified Kline as the constant companion of Miller for several weeks in Augusta. One citizen said they had tools with them and told him that they were on government business as mechanics. It is believed now that Augusta has been headquarters for Miller and Kline and that they went from here to do their work. It is said that they both disappeared for several days every now and then. Kline and Miller have both been identified as strangers who loafed about Guyton for two days previous to the robbery.

MAN MURDERED.

His Wife and Another Man Arrested Charged With the Crime.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 15.—Robert Burchett was murdered with an axe in his home at Max Meadows, Va., last night. His body was dragged some distance from the house where it was found early to-day with the head crushed and mangled. Suspicion pointed to Burchett's wife and a man named McGlamery who went to Max Meadows from North Carolina and they have been arrested.

When officers went to the Burchett home they found Mrs. Burchett engaged in washing up blood from the floor and blood stains were found on her clothing. The accused deny all knowledge of the crime.

ENGLISH COTTON SPINNERS.

Short Time Suggested by the Lancashire Operators.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANCHESTER, ENG., Dec. 15.—A well attended conference of Southeast Lancashire master spinners here to-day considered the present state of the cotton trade and passed a resolution as follows:

"That communication be entered into with the American and Continental associations engaged in the cotton trade, and that the following cable message be sent to each:

"'Lancashire has suggested short time in the cotton trade. Are you prepared to do the same?'

"That a mass meeting of all interested in the cotton trade be called at an early date to consider the position."

The vault in the office of the Courtenay Manufacturing Company at Newry, Oconee county, S. C., was blown open with nitro-glycerine Monday night, the safe being literally torn to pieces, and the cracksmen secured $3,500 and escaped. It was evidently the work of professionals.

DEBATE ON CUBAN BILL CONTINUED.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina Spoke in Behalf of the Measure.

DEBATE ON TARIFF QUESTION.

Rural Free Delivery, Reciprocity With Canada and the New Republic of Panama Were Topics of Discussion in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate continued the debate on the Cuban bill to-day. Mr. Perkins, of California, spoke for the measure, as did Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina. Mr. McCumber, of North Dakota, opposed it. Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, made an extended speech against the bill, during which there were numerous colloquies between himself, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Dolliver. With the former there was quite a lively debate on the tariff question. Mr. Aldrich said the duty on sugar was too high.

Mr. Perkins maintained that the domestic sugar industry would not suffer by reason of the operation of the treaty, as, should we buy the whole Cuban crop, it would only supply one-third of the amount needed. Cuba, he said, had abandoned the cultivation of citrus fruits on account of the vast success of this crop in California and Florida.

Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, explained that he had voted for the treaty and would vote for the bill.

Mr. Simmions closed his remarks with the statement that the bill contains some provisions which he would like to have amended, but that he realized the time for such changes was when the treaty was under consideration. He objected particularly to what is known as the five year clause of the measure, on the ground that the action of one Congress cannot bind future congresses.

Mr. Patterson, Democrat, of Colorado, said he was willing to place himself upon the platform of Thomas Jefferson on the protection of American industries, but in reply to a question from Mr. Aldrich as to whether a Democratic caucus would indorse that doctrine, he said that the Democratic party is not a free trade party, but is for incidental protection.

Mr. Aldrich quoted from a speech by Mr. Williams of the House and asked if Mr. Patterson, (California,) subscribed to the doctrine therein promulgated, but Mr. Patterson replied that Mr. Aldrich's relations to the Democratic party are not such as to allow him to draw proper distinctions as among Democrats. To show that the Democratic party was not alone in not being a unit, he said it had not been so long since the Republican governor of Iowa had come down to Washington and after a visit to the White House had returned to Iowa and allowed Mr. Allison, the senior senator from that State, to write the party platform for him.

Mr. Dolliver interrupted to say that there had been nothing to indicate that Governor Cummins had surrendered any of his tariff views, "and," he said, "the results of the late election show that he had not surrendered any of his majorities."

Mr. Patterson declared that four out of five senators would hold their noses while voting for this bill, and said that many of them would cast their votes against it if they could break away from the influences of the White House, and he compared those who are controlled by this influence to "a nest of young robins standing with mouths wide open and ready to swallow even a reciprocity worm if dropped by the parent bird at the White House."

Mr. Teller spoke briefly against the bill, after which the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

Rural free delivery, reciprocity with Canada, and the new republic of Panama were topics of discussion in the House to-day. The subject of rural free delivery was introduced by Mr. Maddox, Democrat, of Georgia, who claimed that certain States had been favored in the establishment of routes, which resulted in a lively discussion, Mr. Hepburn, Republican, Iowa, and Mr. Hemenway, Republican, Indiana, among others replied on the Republican side.

Mr. Crumpacker, Republican, Indiana, defended the course pursued by the administration in dealing with the Central American situation, and replied to criticisms which have been made on the opposite side of the chamber.

Mr. Crumpacker, in a colloquy with Mr. Williams, the minority leader, asked if it was not time that the Democrats were willing to accept the stolen goods if permitted to condemn the act of taking.

Mr. Williams replied that while they could recognize the character of the child, they could treat it properly.

Mr. Maddox, Democrat, Georgia, replying to Mr. Crumpacker, said he had arraigned the party for statements made by a few members of the minority. He then spoke on the rural free delivery. He produced figures and declared that of the 15,000 routes established last June more than one-third were located in four States, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois, and that the first two named States have more routes than twelve Southern States which he named.

Mr. Maddox said when his constituents asked him why he could not secure more routes, the only reply he could make was that he could not get up to the "pie counter." He said he could show more routes established in seven counties in one district than were to be found in a whole State.

Mr. Hemenway replied to Mr. Maddox when colloquies with Mr. Clayton, Democrat, Alabama, and with Mr. Robinson, Democrat, Indiana, ensued, relating to the number of routes in different districts.

Mr. Hepburn, Republican, Iowa, explained as to routes in Iowa. He charged the Democrats with having opposed the rural free delivery measure, when Mr. Maddox said that it was a Democrat who introduced the first bill.

Mr. Gardner, Republican, Massachusetts, replied to the remarks of Mr. Lind, Democrat, Minnesota, relative to freer trade relations with Canada. He said the cotton interests of this country would suffer if thrown into competition with labor in Quebec, which he declared to be underpaid and where he said the standard of living was lower than in the cotton manufacturing districts of this country.

Mr. Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, said the Panama canal now is an assured fact. He had no criticisms to make regarding the recognition of the new republic, but expressed the hope that free government will be given the Philipines, who he said, yield unwillingly to American authority.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

The steamer City of Washington has arrived in New York from Colon, bringing the signed copy of the canal treaty with the republic of Panama.

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WEDDED AT POINT CASWELL.

Miss Minnie Vollers the Bride of a Leading Young Merchant There.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

POINT CASWELL, Dec. 14.—A pretty marriage scene was witnessed at Point Caswell Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Minnie I. Vollers, daughter of Mr. Ludwig Vollers, and Mr. George W. Kelley, a prominent merchant of that place. The beautiful ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Rev. Robt. Hewlett. The bride was gowned in white organdie over white liberty silk and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor, Miss Lottie L Mason, of Wilmington, and Miss Ada Kelly, sister of the groom, bridesmaid, wore white silk mulle and carried white carnations. The bride entered on one side leaning on the arm of the maid of honor, Miss Mason, and the groom on the opposite side with his best man, Mr. Ransom Kelley, his brother. They were met at the altar where the pastor joined them. The church was handsomely decorated with mistletoe, smilax and potted plants. The arch was of green and from the centre were hanging the merry wedding bells.

The couple received many congratulations by scores of friends and relatives who witnessed the ceremony. There was a delicious feast of refreshments served at the home of the bride afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley will reside at Point Caswell in their handsome new residence. The presents were many and handsome. The wedding marches were beautifully rendered by Mrs. H. J. Black.

WRECKED ON THE A. & N. C.

Freight Train Derailed Near Kinston—One Man Killed and Another Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 15.—Near Hines' Siding, a small station out of Kinston, on the Atlantic and North Carolina road, No. 1 east bound freight train jumped the track to-day, the engine rolling into a ditch and a number of cars piling upon it. Zach Lane, brakeman, was caught between the cars and killed. Garfield Chapman, brakeman, had his leg broken in two places. The fireman was only slightly hurt and the engineer not at all. Both stuck to their posts.

OVERWHELMING VICTORY.

Democrats Carried the Municipal Election in Boston, by 27,000 Plurality.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 15.—The Democrats won an overwhelming victory in the municipal election to-day, Mayor Patrick Collins being re-elected by 27,000 plurality, the largest ever given a mayoralty candidate in the history of the city. The board of aldermen next year will be solidly Democratic and that party will have a large majority in the common council. The city as usual favored licensed liquor selling by a large majority.

WARM WIRELETS.

The tug Mattie M., owned by the Dixie Transportation Company, of New Orleans, towing a cotton seed barge, sank near Sycamore, La., yesterday. One white man and four negroes are reported drowned.

Fire broke out yesterday in the afterhold of the Austrian steamer Abazzis, at Trieste, from Savannah, but was extinguished later. The cargo in this compartment consisted principally of cotton.

A reduction in wages averaging seventeen per cent., and affecting thirty thousand men in the Connellsville, Pa., coke regions, was announced yesterday.

The Bunker, a pleasure yacht which left Jacksonville, Fla., Monday was wrecked off North Beach, one mile from St. Augustine, in a very high wind. No lives were lost, but four men on board had a thrilling experience.

At a meeting of directors of the Crucible Steel Company of Pittsburg, Pa., it was decided to pass the 7 per cent. dividend on the preferred stock.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

New Boarding House—For substantial home-like living in true American style, go to the Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 10 4t*

Wanted—Position by young man as salesman in retail or wholesale store; eight years' experience in general merchandise store; best of reference given. Address X, care this office. dec 16 1t*

Florida Oranges, 25 and 30c dozen; $2 and $2.25 per hundred. E Warren & Son. dec 16 1t.

$2 00 will buy a Welsbach Drop Light, the best light for reading. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. dec 16 1t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—House and lot on the southeast corner of Second and Ann streets, all improvements. Lot 66 by 104. A good chance to secure a home. For terms apply to Dick & Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance, 110 Princess street. dec 16 2t

A Golden opportunity to purchase dolls and fancy goods. St. Agnes Guild will hold their annual sale Wednesday, December 16 h, at 107 Market street, store recently occupied by R. O. Delk-sset. Sale begins promptly at 11:30 A. M. Come early and make your selections. dec 15 3t

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

At Vann's Cigar Store—Nice line of novelties in smoker's supplies for holiday gifts and personal use. See our windows for daily display and announcements. dec 13 t f

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot til January 1st. L. L. Setter, Willington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 313 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

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Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. Je 21 tf

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our a sortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3 50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $3.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents, ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1 25 hat for 75c: a $1.50 hat for $1; a $2 hat for $1 25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1 25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2 25 values are $1 50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

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RESOURCES.			*LIABILITIES.*	
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Bonds		318,8 0 00	Surplus, etc	100 126 85
Real Estate		30,000 00	Circulation	125 000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70,761 76		Deposits	1,346,266 29
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